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TO: Retro Advisory Committee

FROM: Frank Romero (Chair), Retro Program Manager

SUBJECT: Minutes of April 11, 2000 retro advisory committee meeting

Meeting was called to order by chairman Frank Romero. It was moved, seconded and carried to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Frank reviewed the proposed agenda, and introductions of the committee and audience members were conducted.

Cammy Webster (project manager) provided an update on the expanded external access project. Currently, a pilot project is underway to add attorneys to the group of external customers who have access to department computer information. They intend to finish this pilot project by the end of this year and then move to the next step, which would allow external access to all state fund employers (not just retrospective rating participants).

Joanne McDaniel, medical program specialist from Provider Review (HSA), presented information on educational seminars the department has been sponsoring for medical providers, including "Workers' Comp Tips for Treating Doctors". These seminars are designed to help medical providers better understand their role in the workers' compensation system as well as their responsibilities in regard to the department, the injured worker, and the employer. These seminars are ongoing throughout the year. Anyone interested in additional information may contact Joanne or visit the department's website at <http://www.lni.wa.gov/hsa/education.htm>. (*see handouts*)

Nikki D'Urso (occupational nurse consultant) and Kathleen Crippen (Crawford and Company) discussed the utilization review process used by the department. Crawford is the contractor doing the reviews. Information about the vendor and the review process can be found on the department's website at <http://www.wa.gov/lni/hsa/pb-html/1999-07.htm>. (*See handouts*)

Frank excused himself in order to meet with Director Moore; Stuart Brotherston took over as temporary chair for the remainder of the meeting. Nicole Runnels, actuarial analyst, then discussed the effect of the \$500k stop-loss cap on "pure" developed losses.

Future agenda items were proposed and noted; these will be scheduled for future meetings.

The next retro advisory committee meeting will be at 1:00 PM, Tuesday, July 11, 2000.